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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL VIEWS ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN MTN

1. IN A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH A MEMBER OF MTN DEL, JACQUOT OF THE EC COMMISSION EXPRESSED WHAT HE CALLED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUPS. JACQUOT SAID THAT HIS VIEWS ARE PURELY PERSONAL. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE THAT THESE VIEWS BE PROTECTED.

2. JACQUOT SAID THAT THE AGRICULTURE GROUP SHOULD ESTABLISH THE SAME CONSULTATION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE ON QR'S FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS THAT ADOPTED BY THE NTM SUB-GROUP ON QR'S. THE RESULTS OF THESE NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO THE AGRICULTURE GROUP WHICH WOULD SUBMIT A SUMMARY OF THESE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS TO THE NTM SUB-GROUP ON QR'S. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE
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NTM SUB-GROUP ON QR'S WHICH WILL RECEIVE COUNTRY REPORTS ON THE

RESULTS OF QR NOTIFICATIONS HELD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THIS SUB-GROUP SHOULD REPORT THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS TO THE AGRICULTURE GROUP. IF GENERAL SOLUTIONS TO THE QR PROBLEMS WERE PROPOSED BY THE NTM SUB-GROUP ON QR'S, THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD ALSO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE AGRICULTURE GROUP. THE AGRICULTURE GROUP COULD THEN AGREE TO MODIFY THESE PROPOSALS ON ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS. FINALLY, THE TWO GROUPS COULD MEET IN ORDER TO ELABORATE TOGETHER A COMMON RULE ON THE TREATMENT OF QR'S. IN THIS WAY, SAID JACQUOT, THE PRINCIPLE OF QUOTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNQUOTE WOULD BE OBSERVED. JACQUOT (ALWAYS SPEAKING PERSONALLY) SAID THAT IF THE U.S. WERE TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL, THE EC MIGHT FOR THE TIME BEING DROP ITS PROPOSAL TO EXAMINE IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP OTHER TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF PROBLEMS RAISED IN OTHER MTN GROUPS.

3. QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON DAIRY, GRAIN AND MEAT SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE DISCUSSED AND SOLUTIONS FOR THEM SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN THESE AGRICULTURAL SUB-GROUPS.

4. JACQUOT FURTHER STATED THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO TAKE UP IN THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE STANDARD CODE AND TO THE WORK ON TARIFFS SINCE THE TARIFF AND STANDARD GROUP HAVE NOT MADE ENOUGH PROGRESS TO FURNISH THE AGRICULTURE GROUP A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR DISCUSSING AND EXAMINING THESE TOPICS.

5. AS REGARDS THE LDC PROPOSALS MADE IN THE LAST MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP, JACQUOT EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THEY COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BY REQUESTING THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AFFECTING TRADE IN PRODUCTS NOT COVERED BY THE THREE AGRICULTURAL SUB-GROUPS. HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE LDC'S REQUESTING PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR THESE PRODUCTS IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP AT A LATER STAGE BECAUSE LATER ON THE ISSUE OF SUCH PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN OTHER GROUPS.

6. AS REGARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISION OF THE MAY 8 COMPROMISE QUOTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNQUOTE, JACQUOT SAID THAT THE EC WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGRICULTURE GROUP AND THE PERTINENT FUNCTIONAL GROUPS IN ORDER TO WORK OUT GENERAL SOLUTIONS PROVIDED THE AGRICULTURE GROUP COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXAMINING ANY AGRICULTURAL ASPECT OF A GENERAL RULE (E.G., SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES) PROPOSED IN THE FUNCTIONAL GROUP AND PROVIDED IT COULD MAKE PROPOSALS CONCERNING SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS WHICH SHOULD BE EMBODIED IN THE GENERAL RULE.

7. COMMENT: MTN DEL BELIEVES THE MOST ENCOURAGING ASPECT OF COMMENTS IS APPARENT EMBRASE OF MAY 8 COMPROMISE ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. THAT IS TO SAY, SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS WILL BE SOUGHT IN THE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS, BUT QUOTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNQUOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH GENERAL RULES, GROUP AGRICULTURE WOULD MAKE INPUT AS APPROPRIATE. IF THIS ATTITUDE REFLECTS EC THINKING, COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE ACHIEVABLE WITH HIJZEN AND RABOT. MTN DEL BELIEVES THE SPECIFICS OF THE JACQUOT APPROACH LESS DESIRABLE THAN THOSE BEING DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON FOR THE REASONS: (A) IT FAILS TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE WORK PROGRAM FOR GROUP AGRICULTURE TO KEEP GROUP OCCUPIED; (B) IT PROVIDES FOR SOLUTIONS TO QR'S ON DAIRY, GRAIN AND MEAT ITEMS IN THE GROUP AGRICULTURE SUB-GROUPS ON THESE ISSUES: AND (C) IT UNDERSTATES THE RISK OF LOSING CONTROL OF THE ISSUES RAISED, PRINCIPALLY BY LDC'S, UNDER THE PROCEDURE IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE QR SOLUTION OUTLINED AT PARAGRAPH 2. MIGHT BE AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. END COMMENT.

8. JACQUOT THOUGHT THAT THE EC IS LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EARLY IWC MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES IN LONDON. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE EC WOULD HAVE PREFERRED (AND MIGHT STILL ASK) THAT THE NEXT LONDON MEETING SHOULD BE FOLLOWED SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY A MEETING OF THE MTN AGRICULTURAL SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS. HE SAID THAT THE NOVEMBER 4 DATE AT WHICH THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MTN SUB-GROUP GRAINS IS SCHEDULED SHOULD BE ADVANCED.

9. JACQUOT SUGGESTED THAT IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MTN SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS, PRIORITY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SUPPLY ASSURANCES. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE U.S. AT THAT OCCASION WOULD BE READY TO SPELL OUT IN DETAIL HOW IT COULD IMPLEMENT ACCESS OR SUPPLY ASSURANCES ON GRAINS. HE DWELLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGLY ON THE NECESSITY OF NOT ONLY PROVIDING FOR QUANTITATIVE ACCESS GUARANTEES BUT ALSO FOR GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICES AT WHICH SUCH SUPPLIES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT AT THIS POINT OF THE CONVERSATION JACQUOT HINTED INDIRECTLY AT THE FACT THAT THE EC AT PRESENT IS LESS INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED FLOOR PRICES THAN IN CEILING PRICES. WALKER

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